However, a show cause notice for payment of extra duty amounting to Rs. 76.02 lakhs has been issued to the importer.

Promotion rules in the CEGA Tribunal

2596. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi, the Recruitment Rules for Group 'C' posts are available, but for some of the Group 'C' posts there is no provision for promotion.

(b) if so, what are the reasons that there is no provision for promotion and what are these posts in Group 'C' cadre;

(c) whether Government propose to provide promotion avenues to the employees on such Group 'C' posts in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when and how and if not, the reasons therefor in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The recruitment rules for various Group 'C' posts in the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi, have been framed in accordance with extant Government guidelines in this regard. These rules contain provisions for promotion wherever feasible. The recruitment rules for the posts of Accountant, Hindi Translator, Caretaker, Stenographer Gr. III, librarian, Hindi Typist and Drivers do not provide for promotion as a method of recruitment because of non-availability of posts in the corresponding lower levels for promotion purposes.

Opium Producing States

2597. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4279 given in the Rajya Sabha in the 22nd December, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the quantum of opium that was required by Government for the sale of drugs and export during the last five financial years, year-wise and what is the target fixed in this regard for the current year; and

(b) what are the names of the States alongwith the area of land State-wise where Government allows opium cultivation, so as to meet the aforesaid requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The quantum of opium exported and used in the manufacture of alkaloids in the country during each of the last five financial years is as follows:—

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
(i) Quantum of raw opium exported (in tonnes)	455.00	309.75	539.20	849.84	617.38
(ii) Quantum of Indian medcial opium (Cake/ Powder) exported (in tonnes)	1.80	1.86	1.15	1.50	2.00
(iii) Quantum of opium required for manufacture of alkaloids and medicinal opium within the country, (in tonnes)	97.94	117.27	115.07	108.21	123.79

During the current financial year, about 570 tonnes of opiuh is required for export and about 107 tonnes of opium is required for manufacture of opiate alkoloids and medicinal opium within the country.

Names of States alongwith the area under poppy cultivation (State-wise) during 1992-93 crop year is as follows:—

S. No.	Name of the State	Area settled for cultivation (in hectares)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	6856.59
2.	Rajasthan	4391.16
3.	Uttar Pradesh	2497.20
	TOTAL :	13744.95

Financial Losses to States

2598. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of losses suffered by the Shtates, State-wise on account of small savings because of Government's deicsion t moake investment in Mutual Fund more attractive;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to compensate these losses;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States have been denied Central loan despite Planning Commission's recommendations in this regard during 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Small savings loans given to State Governments represent a small part of the total resources ransferred to the State Governments. Although net small savings Collections have shown a decline and correspodingly small savings loans to State Goverrment are estimated at Rs. 4400 crores in RE 1992-93 compared to Rs. 5700 crores in BE 1992-93, over all the net resources transferred to State Governments have increased from Rs. 45184 in BE 1992-93 to Rs. 47704 crores in RE 1992-93. It is not correct to say that the decline in small savings collections is because of Government decision to make investment in mutual funds more attractive.

Loans for purchase of deep sea fishing trawlers

2599. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will tne Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee had provided finance to various fishing companies for the purpose of procurement of deep sea fishing trawlers from both overseas and domestic shipyards;

(b) if o, the terms and conditions under which the finances were provided;

(c) what were the number of loanee fishing companies and the total sum of their loan remained out-